

DESOTO COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
BOARD MEETING MINUTES

EUGENE C. THACH, PRESIDENT, PRESIDING

August 28, 2000

A. CALL TO ORDER

The August 28, 2000, meeting of the DeSoto County Board of Supervisors was called to order by Supervisor Eugene C. Thach of DeSoto County.

Sheriff James A. Riley, DeSoto County Sheriff was present and did open the DeSoto County Board of Supervisors meeting in a regular session to hear any and all business to come before the Board. The following were present:

Supervisor Jessie Medlin-----District 1
Supervisor Eugene C. Thach----- District 2
Supervisor Gerald Clifton-----District 3
Supervisor John Caldwell-----District 4, Absent
Supervisor Tommy Lewis-----District 5
W. E. “Sluggo” Davis-----Chancery Clerk
David Armstrong-----County Administrator
William Austin-----Board Attorney

B. INVOCATION

The invocation was presented by Chancery Clerk W. E. “Sluggo” Davis.

C. OLD BUSINESS

1. Burn Ban Request

County Administrator David Armstrong notified the DeSoto County Board of Supervisors that the burn ban has been approved the Mississippi Forestry Commission and will be in effect through September 19th unless the Board of Supervisors chooses to lift the ban prior to that date. ****See Exhibit C.1****

2. Recycling Program

County Administrator David Armstrong notified the Board of Supervisors that he and Jim Bearden are still working on the contract with FCR for recycling in DeSoto County. This item was held over until September 18th. ****See Exhibit C.2****

3. Intersection of Starlanding Road and Highway 301

Board Attorney Bill Austin notified the Board of Supervisors that his firm is working on the agreement with MDOT but he is not prepared to make a recommendation at this time. This item was held over. ****See Exhibit C.3****

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4. Update on BellSouth Local Calling Areas

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County Administrator David Armstrong notified the Board of Supervisors that the public service commission has issued a resolution stating that they have directed BellSouth to implement the changes to the local calling areas for all DeSoto County telephone numbers of BellSouth communications within six months.

Supervisor Tommy Lewis instructed the County Administrator to do what we can to help the Alphaba-Cockrum communities in DeSoto County to be able to participate in the area calling plan. Mr. Armstrong said that he is already working on that goal. ****See Exhibit C.4****

D. NEW BUSINESS

1. Approval of Payroll Monthly Deductions

County Administrator David Armstrong told the Board of Supervisors that Vickie Richmann, DeSoto County Personnel Director, had approached him about the possibility of changing the current monthly payroll deductions to twice a month to make it easier for accounting and for the employees. Ms. Richmann explained that the margin for error is greater under the current system and that in effect, the county is running two payroll systems. Ms. Richmann said that the change is recommended, in part, to make it easier for an employee standing in on the payroll to be able to get it out with little margin for error.

Supervisor Eugene Thach asked when the semi-monthly payrolls will start for the Board of Supervisors. Chancery Clerk Sluggo Davis said that when the law changed the Board of Supervisors approved the semi-monthly payroll. The County Administrator explained that should take effect when the new payroll system is completely operational.

Supervisor Jessie Medlin made the motion and Supervisor Gerald Clifton seconded the motion to approve splitting payroll deductions equally between the semi-monthly paychecks. The **motion passed** by a vote as follows:

- Supervisor Jessie Medlin.....YES
- Supervisor Eugene Thach.....YES
- Supervisor Gerald Clifton.....YES
- Supervisor John Caldwell.....ABSENT
- Supervisor Tommy Lewis.....YES

2. Approval of Letter Supporting Olive Branch as the Local Sponsor of the Coldwater River Watershed

The County Administrator David Armstrong reminded the Board of Supervisors that the City of Olive Branch have agreed to be the local sponsor for the Corp of Engineers project on the Coldwater River Watershed. The city has requested that the Board of Supervisors provide a letter of support for their partnership with the U.S. Army Corp of Engineers. Mr. Armstrong confirmed that the Board will provide information necessary for the project but will not support the project financially.

Supervisor Jessie Medlin made the motion and Supervisor Tommy Lewis seconded the motion to approve the letter of support to the City of Olive Branch and to authorize the Board president to sign same. The **motion passed** by a vote as follows:

- Supervisor Jessie Medlin.....YES
- Supervisor Eugene Thach.....YES

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- Supervisor Gerald Clifton.....YES
- Supervisor John Caldwell.....ABSENT
- Supervisor Tommy Lewis.....YES

****See Exhibit D.2****

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3. Approval of Resolution in Support of I-69 Project

At the recommendation of the County Administrator, Supervisor Jessie Medlin made the motion and Supervisor Gerald Clifton seconded the motion to approve the resolution of support in connection with the I-69 project. The **motion passed** by a vote as follows:

Supervisor Jessie Medlin.....YES
Supervisor Eugene Thach.....YES
Supervisor Gerald Clifton.....YES
Supervisor John Caldwell.....ABSENT
Supervisor Tommy Lewis.....YES

****See Exhibit D.3****

4. Budget Amendments

a. Vital Statistics

In accordance with the provisions set forth in Section 19-11-11 of the Mississippi Code, the Board of Supervisors did discuss an amendment to the budget for the Fiscal year beginning October 1, 1999, and ending September 30, 2000. Supervisor Jessie Medlin made the motion and Supervisor Gerald Clifton seconded the motion to approve a budget amendment for Vital Statistics under the provisions of Mississippi Code of 1972, Annotated, Section 19-11-19 as follows:

Increase	001-440-458	Vital Statistics	\$ 1,200.00
Decrease	001-000-353	Circuit Clerk Excess Earnings	\$ 1,200.00

The **motion passed** by a vote as follows:

Supervisor Jessie Medlin.....YES
Supervisor Eugene Thach.....YES
Supervisor Gerald Clifton.....YES
Supervisor John Caldwell.....ABSENT
Supervisor Tommy Lewis.....YES

****See Exhibit D.4.a****

b. Circuit Court

In accordance with the provisions set forth in Section 19-11-11 of the Mississippi Code, the Board of Supervisors did discuss an amendment to the budget for the Fiscal year beginning October 1, 1999, and ending September 30, 2000. Supervisor Tommy Lewis made the motion and Supervisor Jessie Medlin seconded the motion to approve a budget amendment for Circuit Court under the provisions of Mississippi Code of 1972, Annotated, Section 19-11-19 as follows:

Increase	001-161-415	Other Court Cost	\$ 451.00
Increase	001-161-454	Attending Court	\$ 3,062.00

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Increase	001-161-466	Social Security	\$ 250.00
Increase	001-161-501	Postage	\$ 500.00
Increase	001-161-523	Contract Printing	\$ 1,068.00
Increase	001-161-603	Office Supplies	\$ 1,035.00
Increase	001-161-607	Other Court Cost	\$ 4,200.00
Increase	001-161-934	Furniture & Fixtures	\$ 340.00
Increase	001-161-936	Computer Equipment	\$ 215.00

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Decrease	001-901-999	Fund Balance	\$11,121.00
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The **motion passed** by a vote as follows:

Supervisor Jessie Medlin.....	YES
Supervisor Eugene Thach.....	YES
Supervisor Gerald Clifton.....	YES
Supervisor John Caldwell.....	ABSENT
Supervisor Tommy Lewis.....	YES

****See Exhibit D.4.b****

c. Circuit Clerk

In accordance with the provisions set forth in Section 19-11-11 of the Mississippi Code, the Board of Supervisors did discuss an amendment to the budget for the Fiscal year beginning October 1, 1999, and ending September 30, 2000. Supervisor Tommy Lewis made the motion and Supervisor Eugene Thach seconded the motion to approve a budget amendment for Circuit Clerk under the provisions of Mississippi Code of 1972, Annotated, Section 19-11-19 as follows:

Increase	001-102-534	Office Machine Rental	\$ 140.00
Decrease	001-102-479	Out of State Travel	\$ 140.00

The **motion passed** by a vote as follows:

Supervisor Jessie Medlin.....	YES
Supervisor Eugene Thach.....	YES
Supervisor Gerald Clifton.....	YES
Supervisor John Caldwell.....	ABSENT
Supervisor Tommy Lewis.....	YES

****See Exhibit D.4.c****

d. Election Expense

In accordance with the provisions set forth in Section 19-11-11 of the Mississippi Code, the Board of Supervisors did discuss an amendment to the budget for the Fiscal year beginning October 1, 1999, and ending September 30, 2000. Supervisor Gerald Clifton made the motion and Supervisor Tommy Lewis seconded the motion to approve the following two budget amendments for Election Expense under the provisions of Mississippi Code of 1972, Annotated, Section 19-11-19 as follows:

Increase	001-180-544	Service Contract	\$ 300.00
Increase	001-180-534	Office Machine Rental	\$ 275.00
Increase	001-180-535	Rent on Building	\$ 150.00
Decrease	001-180-608	Other Election Expense	\$ 300.00

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Decrease	001-180-571	Dues & Subscriptions	\$ 325.00
Decrease	001-180-587	Training & Registration	\$ 100.00
Increase	001-180-501	Postage	\$ 1,650.00
Increase	001-180-603	Office Supplies	\$ 2,170.00
Decrease	001-180-459	Election Fees	\$ 1,650.00
Decrease	001-180-468	Group Insurance	\$ 1,500.00
Decrease	001-180-444	Election Workers	\$ 670.00

The **motion passed** by a vote as follows:

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Supervisor Jessie Medlin.....YES
Supervisor Eugene Thach.....YES
Supervisor Gerald Clifton.....YES
Supervisor John Caldwell.....ABSENT
Supervisor Tommy Lewis.....YES

****See Exhibit D.4.d****

5. Approval to Write Check to Release Clear Title and Vehicle for Metro Narcotics

County Administrator David Armstrong notified the Board of Supervisors that Captain Tim Harris of Metro Narcotics has requested payment of \$245.00 to be paid out of DeSoto County Metro Narcotic’s forfeiture account to G & S Used Cars for the release of a clear title to a vehicle that was seized by Metro Narcotics.

Supervisor Gerald Clifton made the motion and Supervisor Jessie Medlin seconded the motion to authorize the clerk to write the check to G & S Used Cars for the release and clear title of a 1989 Dodge Ram 50 truck that was seized by Metro Narcotics. The **motion passed** by a vote as follows:

Supervisor Jessie Medlin.....YES
Supervisor Eugene Thach.....YES
Supervisor Gerald Clifton.....YES
Supervisor John Caldwell.....ABSENT
Supervisor Tommy Lewis.....YES

****See Exhibit D.5****

E. BUDGET 2001

1. Lorraine Cady

Ms. Lorraine Cady said she was appearing before the Board of Supervisors as a private citizen. Ms. Cady said that many families in the county participate in riding activities and showing horses. Ms. Cady said that the land and arenas in the county are decreasing. In our area, the only arenas available are Sunset Hills and the Lazy W. Ms. Cady speculated that an ag-building or show arena could do the same for the county as Snowden Grove Park has done for the City of Southaven.

Mr. Landon Cook, vice president of SASCA, reminded the Board that he had appeared before them last year and this is still an urgent need. Mr. Cook said that they were unable to provide names of all the people who participate in activities with horses in the county, however, he felt that the number would surprise the Board of Supervisors. Mr. Cook said that Tate County had participated with Northwest Community College to provide an arena there.

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Supervisor Jessie Medlin remembered that the county at one time had looked into the Jim Buck Ross program to provide funding for such an arena. Board Attorney Bill Austin said he looked into that program, and at that time, there was no money available. Mr. Lem Couch, president of SASCA, was present at the meeting when Supervisor Gerald Clifton asked how many people are in SASCA. Mr. Couch responded 1500-2000 people are in the group and explained that there is a lot of money spent in the horse industry in and around DeSoto County and to provide an arena would bring even more of this money into the county. Mr. Couch spoke of the positive impact the equestrian sport brings to individuals and families and to the county and said that in the future, those benefits would grow.

Supervisor Eugene Thach asked what the group is looking for. Mr. Cook said that if the group had land and/or a simple covered arena, they could be well on the way towards their goal. He said that this could be used for other activities as well. Mr. Cook said that an appropriate plot of land would even be a good start. Supervisor Tommy Lewis asked how much land they are

looking for. Mr. Lem Couch said a minimum of twenty acres, but forty acres would be better.

Peggy Leigh suggested an area on Byhalia Road would be a good central location for the county. Ms. Leigh said that an arena would bring money into the county.

Larry Muhr speculated that the group using the Germantown arena are unhappy and he feels sure they would lease the arena 8-10 weeks per year.

Supervisor Jessie Medlin said that there is land beside the landfill that is not being used. Supervisor Medlin said that the cities have stepped up and provided parks in the county to serve the county’s needs and the equestrian need is not being met.

Chancery Clerk Sluggo Davis talked about the possibility of working with the state for the funding. Circuit Court Judge George Ready said that could be a possibility.

Mr. Cook said that whatever the county does, he hoped to at least have some land allocated for the associations to do something with.

Supervisor Jessie Medlin suggested appointing a committee of supervisors to look into the project. Supervisor Medlin made the motion and Supervisor Clifton seconded the motion to organize a committee and having the Board appoint Supervisor Tommy Lewis and Supervisor Jessie Medlin as members of the committee representing the county. The **motion passed** by a vote as follows:

Supervisor Jessie Medlin.....YES
Supervisor Eugene Thach.....YES
Supervisor Gerald Clifton.....YES
Supervisor John Caldwell.....ABSENT
Supervisor Tommy Lewis.....YES

2. Parks

Supervisor Eugene Thach said that the budget is around \$600,000 over, due to changes made by the Board since the County Administrator presented the balanced budget. Supervisor Thach said that the options are to cut the increases that have been made, take money from contingencies, or increase the tax millage. Supervisor Thach said that we have \$150,000 in parks. He said that is a seasonal business and that the road department is working on those responsibilities now. Supervisor Thach said that it has been recommended that those responsibilities move to Jim Bearden’s department, but he doesn’t have any place to put the equipment and Mr. Bearden would rather not get involved with the parks. Supervisor Thach

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said that the road manager is maintaining the parks well at this time. Kenny Gunn, the Road Manager said that all his department does is cut the grass in the parks. Supervisor Thach asked what the Road Manager recommends for continuing maintenance of the parks. Kenny Gunn said that it depends on what kind of work the Board is looking for. Mr. Gunn said that if his department starts building ballfields and maintaining facilities, which is different from their present responsibilities, it would probably require a position being added. Supervisor Medlin said that if Kenny Gunn is cutting the grass and Jim is doing the buildings, why is \$150,000 needed for the parks.

Supervisor Tommy Lewis asked how many additional personnel were budgeted for in the budget. The County Administrator responded that \$42,000 has been budgeted for a GIS manager, \$45,000 has been budgeted for a risk manager, \$30,000 has been budgeted for a grant writer and \$75,000 has been budgeted for a county engineer. Supervisor Lewis asked if we are ready to move on the GIS at this time. The County Administrator responded that because the county is working so closely with the state tax commission and because the sewer program is taking off so quickly, he felt it was in the best interest of the county to budget for this

department at this time.

Supervisor Jessie Medlin asked what the short fall will drop the contingency to. David Armstrong said that he speculates it will drop from \$7.8 million to \$7.2 million.

The Board of Supervisors discussed how much interest would be gained on the \$18 million bond. Board Attorney Bill Austin reminded the Board that the interest on the bond money would have to be used on the items specified in the bond resolution.

Supervisor Tommy Lewis asked what Bill Bryant projects the millage to bring in. The County Administrator said that the bonds that are being paid off are being decreased on the tax levy and that millage is being added to the general county millage in order to bring in the revenue to balance the budget. Mr. Armstrong answered that Bill Bryant feels that the millage could bring in as much as \$600,000, but Mr. Armstrong felt that was stretching the limits too far. Supervisor Lewis suggested in order to balance the budget, figuring the revenues on Bill Bryant's projection. Supervisor Eugene Thach suggested cutting the park budget, the county engineer budget, the risk manager position and the GIS department. Supervisor Thach voiced his dismay that the county could not find a county engineer for \$75,000. Supervisor Lewis speculated that it may be a tough position to fill due to the organizational chart planned for the position. Board Attorney Bill Austin suggested comparing the GIS department to the Civic Center. Bill Austin said that the Board did not wait to hire a civic center manager until the seats were being added to the civic center. Mr. Austin said that Waggoner Engineering is working on digitizing the maps right now. The state tax commission is going to be asking for some information around October in compliance with Rule 6.

Supervisor Eugene Thach asked if the employee that has expressed an interest in the GIS position will be able to continue his current job and fulfill the GIS responsibilities at the same time. The County Administrator said the county would have to hire someone now to fulfill the current position if that employee was moved to the GIS department. Mr. Armstrong reminded the Board that the approach to GIS has already saved the county money. In addition, the risk manager will save the county money but reminded the Board of Supervisors that the risk manager would have to have some kind of office budget. Mr. Armstrong said that if the Board chooses to cut the park budget he can use that to fund the county engineer and then reassign some of the projects in the budget to take advantage of the interest on the \$18 million bonds.

Supervisor Tommy Lewis said that if the Board is going to work with the equestrian group, it may be wise to put some of the money back into the park budget.

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Supervisor Eugene Thach said that he does not understand why somebody will not work for the Board of Supervisors in the capacity of county engineer. Supervisor Thach said that the county has been trying to hire a full time engineer for nine years and has been unsuccessful. Supervisor Tommy Lewis said the salary, office equipment, vehicle, etc., will be necessary for the county engineer's position, therefore, he recommends hiring an additional consultant as that may be a less expensive route than hiring a full time engineer. Supervisor Thach said it may be hard to find an engineer who doesn't place his private business as a priority over county business. Road Manager Kenny Gunn said that the county basically has a parks department in the road budget currently. The County Administrator David Armstrong reminded the Board of Supervisors that no money was spent in the parks budget last year. Supervisor Eugene Thach said that the parks should not be paid for out of the road budget. The Road Manager Kenny Gunn offered to pay for the expenses of park maintenance out of 001-520.

Supervisor Tommy Lewis asked what the intentions of Supervisor Caldwell were with the park budget. David Armstrong explained that Supervisor Caldwell wants to fund a parks department.

Supervisor Tommy Lewis made the motion and Supervisor Eugene Thach seconded the motion

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to drop the park budget to \$50,000. The **motion passed** by a vote as follows:

Supervisor Jessie Medlin.....ABSTAINED
Supervisor Eugene Thach.....YES
Supervisor Gerald Clifton.....YES
Supervisor John Caldwell.....ABSENT
Supervisor Tommy Lewis.....YES

3. Justice Court

Justice Court Judges Billy Lantrip, Ken Adams and Karen Sanders appeared before the Board of Supervisors to request items needed in Justice Court. Supervisor Eugene Thach commended the judges for their work in Justice Court and told them he had heard many positive comments about their work. The judges presented an appeal to have a window installed in the front office/customer service area of the Justice Court facility; to purchase a CD Rom version of the Mississippi Codes and Attorney General opinions; to upgrade security in the justice court rooms; to increase the budget for judges and clerk training; to add funds to start a library and to construct a flag pole in front of the building.

Supervisor Gerald Clifton made the motion and Supervisor Jessie Medlin seconded the motion to approve adding \$12,500 to the justice court budget and instructed the County Administrator to work with the operations & maintenance department to cut a window in the justice court customer service area, add a peep hole in the door where prisoner are transferred, and add a flag pole to the front of the building. The **motion passed** by a vote as follows:

Supervisor Jessie Medlin.....YES
Supervisor Eugene Thach.....YES
Supervisor Gerald Clifton.....YES
Supervisor John Caldwell.....ABSENT
Supervisor Tommy Lewis.....YES

****See Exhibit E.3****

4. Road Department

County Administrator David Armstrong said that Road Manager has requested to remove line item 160-300-902 and instead make a 903 line item labeled “Bridges” totaling \$2,340,000. The

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Road Manager said that the funds in this line item represent \$2,000,000 of overlay, \$250,000 for a bridge on Baldwin Road, and \$50,000 for a culvert extension on Pleasant Hill Road.

Supervisor Eugene Thach said the county needs to spend the road millage from the state. The Road Manager said that until the county decides what to do with the problem bridges, the state money will be tied up. Supervisor Thach clarified that the new county engineer would have nothing to do with the state aid responsibilities handled by Daniel Murphy.

The Road Manager Kenny Gunn cautioned the Supervisors that although all of the money in this budget has not been spent, much of it has been committed and when the bills come in September or October, that money will no longer be there. Mr. Gunn said that the county has already spent \$255,000 in gravel. Mr. Gunn said that if the Board plans to do \$2,000,000 in overlay, he would recommend splitting the overlay into two contracts. Mr. Gunn said that by splitting the contracts into two segments, the Board would have the option of adding roads and modifying the contract throughout the year, whereas if the work was all done at one time, there would be no such option if new projects arrived. Mr. Gunn reminded the Board of Supervisors that several projects were done last year that were not in the budget. He said that although he was committed to handling any items the Board presented, he would have to make sure funds were available to do so in his budget this year.

Supervisor Eugene Thach asked for an update on the paving of gravel roads. Mr. Gunn responded at the end of the paving contract we should have everything paved that is prepared to be paved. Mr. Gunn explained further that Baldwin and Getwell are examples of roads that will have to be overlaid but are not in the condition to do so at this time, as the county is still working on these roads.

Mr. Gunn explained that he put some money in his budget to get engineering done on small road projects.

Supervisor Eugene Thach asked if Mr. Gunn was okay with his equipment. Kenny Gunn responded that there is no new equipment in his budget and lease purchase payments in his budget total \$368,000 and that amount of money is not in the proposed FY2001 budget. The County Administrator David Armstrong instructed the Comptroller to make the total in lease purchase of equipment equal \$368,000 in the Road & Bridge budget and to add the additional \$40,000 in the beginning cash balance as a carry over from this year.

Supervisor Tommy Lewis made the motion and Supervisor Jessie Medlin to approve the road budget with modifications listed with the exception of the personnel portion of the budget. The **motion passed** by a vote as follows:

Supervisor Jessie Medlin.....YES
Supervisor Eugene Thach.....YES
Supervisor Gerald Clifton.....ABSENT
Supervisor John Caldwell.....ABSENT
Supervisor Tommy Lewis.....YES

Kenny Gunn informed the Board of Supervisors that he wanted to add personnel to help with surveying and some additional employees for the foremen. Supervisor Tommy Lewis made the motion and Supervisor Jessie Medlin seconded the motion to approve the personnel portion of the road budget. The **motion passed** by a vote as follows:

Supervisor Jessie Medlin.....YES
Supervisor Eugene Thach.....YES
Supervisor Gerald Clifton.....ABSENT

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Supervisor John Caldwell.....ABSENT
Supervisor Tommy Lewis.....YES

The County Administrator David Armstrong explained to the Board of Supervisors that he and the Comptroller will implement the changes requested by the Board of Supervisors and run a new budget by Thursday. Mr. Armstrong said that unless there is a problem there should not be a need to meet again until Tuesday, September 5th. The County Administrator commended the efforts of Comptroller Joyce Riales in preparing the budget.

F. EXECUTIVE SESSION

The “Executive Session” portion of this meeting is presented under the portion of minutes called “Executive Session.

G. OTHER ISSUES

1. Approval of Homestead Exemptions

Supervisor Tommy Lewis made the motion and Supervisor Jessie Medlin seconded the motion to approve the homestead exemptions as presented by the Chancery Clerk. The **motion passed** by a vote as follows:

Supervisor Jessie Medlin.....YES

Supervisor Eugene Thach.....YES
Supervisor Gerald Clifton.....YES
Supervisor John Caldwell.....ABSENT
Supervisor Tommy Lewis.....YES

****See Exhibit G.1****

Chancery Clerk Sluggo Davis notified the Board of Supervisors that one homestead exemption was overlooked when the others were approved and asked that this one be included with those. Supervisor Jessie Medlin made the motion and Supervisor Gerald Clifton seconded the motion to approve the petition to adjust the homestead exemption supplemental roll as presented by the Chancery Clerk and to include it with the previously approved homestead exemptions. The **motion passed** by a vote as follows:

Supervisor Jessie Medlin.....YES
Supervisor Eugene Thach.....YES
Supervisor Gerald Clifton.....YES
Supervisor John Caldwell.....ABSENT
Supervisor Tommy Lewis.....YES

****See Exhibit G.1****

2. \$18,000,000 Bond

At the recommendation of the Board Attorney, Supervisor Jessie Medlin made the motion and Supervisor Tommy Lewis seconded the motion to approve a Resolution Authorizing and Directing the Issuance of a General Obligation Public Improvement Bond, Series 2000, of DeSoto County, Mississippi, in the Principal Amount of Eighteen Million Dollars (\$18,000,000) to Raise Money for the Purpose of Constructing, Reconstructing, and Repairing Roads, Highways and Bridges, and Acquiring the Necessary Land, Including and for Road-Building Materials, Acquiring Rights-of-Way Therefor; and the Purchase of Heavy Construction

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Equipment and Accessories Thereto Reasonably Required to Construct, Repair and Renovate Roads, Highways and Bridges and Approaches Thereto Withing the County; and Purchasing or Erecting, Equipping, Repairing, Reconstructing, Remodeling and Enlarging County Buildings, Courthouses, Office Buildings, Jails, Libraries and Related Facilities, and the Purchase of Land Therefor. The **motion passed** by a vote as follows:

Supervisor Jessie Medlin.....YES
Supervisor Eugene Thach.....YES
Supervisor Gerald Clifton.....YES
Supervisor John Caldwell.....ABSENT
Supervisor Tommy Lewis.....YES

****See Exhibit G.2****

3. Brick Mailboxes

The Board Attorney, Bill Austin presented an article from the August 27th issue of the Commercial Appeal concerning a fatality at a brick mailbox on a state highway, whereby Fayette County was named as a defendant in the lawsuit. No motions were made or votes taken on this item. ****See Exhibit G.3****

4. Personnel Policy

Supervisor Jessie Medlin instructed the County Administrator to send a memo to all county offices who work under the Board of Supervisors requesting that they forward their phones to

another office when there is no to man an office, rather than letting phones ring indefinitely.

5. Bids

Supervisor Tommy Lewis instructed that the county bids be done in a timely fashion and certainly before the current bids expire. Supervisor Lewis mentioned annual bid supplies in particular.

Supervisor Jessie Medlin made the motion and Supervisor Tommy Lewis seconded the motion to adjourn the meeting until Tuesday, September 5, 2000 at 9:00 a.m. The **motion passed** by a vote as follows:

Supervisor Jessie Medlin.....YES
Supervisor Eugene Thach.....YES
Supervisor Gerald Clifton.....ABSENT
Supervisor John Caldwell.....ABSENT
Supervisor Tommy Lewis.....YES

THIS the 28th day of August, 2000, these minutes have been read and approved by the DeSoto County Board of Supervisors.

EUGENE C. THACH, President
DeSoto County Board of Supervisors

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